

Souvenir



Sherbrooke

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City of Sherbrooke,

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VIEW OF SHERBROOKE FROM EAST SIDE

Sherbrooke and Vicinity.



THE picturesque location of Sherbrooke at the junction of the St. Francis and Magog Rivers, and the beautiful scenery to be found in the city and surrounding country, has given it a wide reputation.

It would be hard to find a greater contrast than that between the two rivers which flow through its centre; the St. Francis, a broad quiet stream, its meadow banks bordered with beautiful elms and willows; the Magog, a succession of falls and rapids, passing through the city in a narrow gorge in which the hardy spruce and balsam accent the wildest of scenery. From the valley of the St. Francis the city rises on either side by a succession of terraces to commanding points, from which fine views are obtained of the surrounding country and distant mountains. The natural conformation gives rise to the common division of "Upper" and "Lower" towns, as in Quebec; while the bold eminence rising in the centre of the City, crowned with a picturesque grouping of Convent, Church and College, suggests most interesting comparisons, and when viewed from certain points, and under special conditions of light and atmosphere, completes a scene worthy of the artist's brush. The natural features referred to give opportunity for many residential sites of unusual interest and charm, among which may be specially mentioned "Rockmount," "Wilhmshurst," "Mountfield," and "Bellevue."

One of the most interesting resorts in the city is Victoria Park, a magnificent forest of maples, elms and firs, located on a high plateau, and pronounced by landscape architect Todd the most beautiful wooded park he had ever seen. Through this, roads lead in various directions, and from any exit fine views of the city and surrounding country are obtained. That this wood has been preserved almost in its entirety, and in some parts left in its natural condition without removing the underbrush even, as recommended by the architect, is cause for congratulation, and will add greatly to its charm in the minds of all lovers of nature and the beautiful. Near the park is the lacrosse ground, owned by an athletic association, and adjoining are the grounds of the Eastern Townships Agricultural Association, upon which are held annually the largest exhibition and fair in the Province. This enclosure contains over sixty acres, and comprises the finest site imaginable overlooking the city.

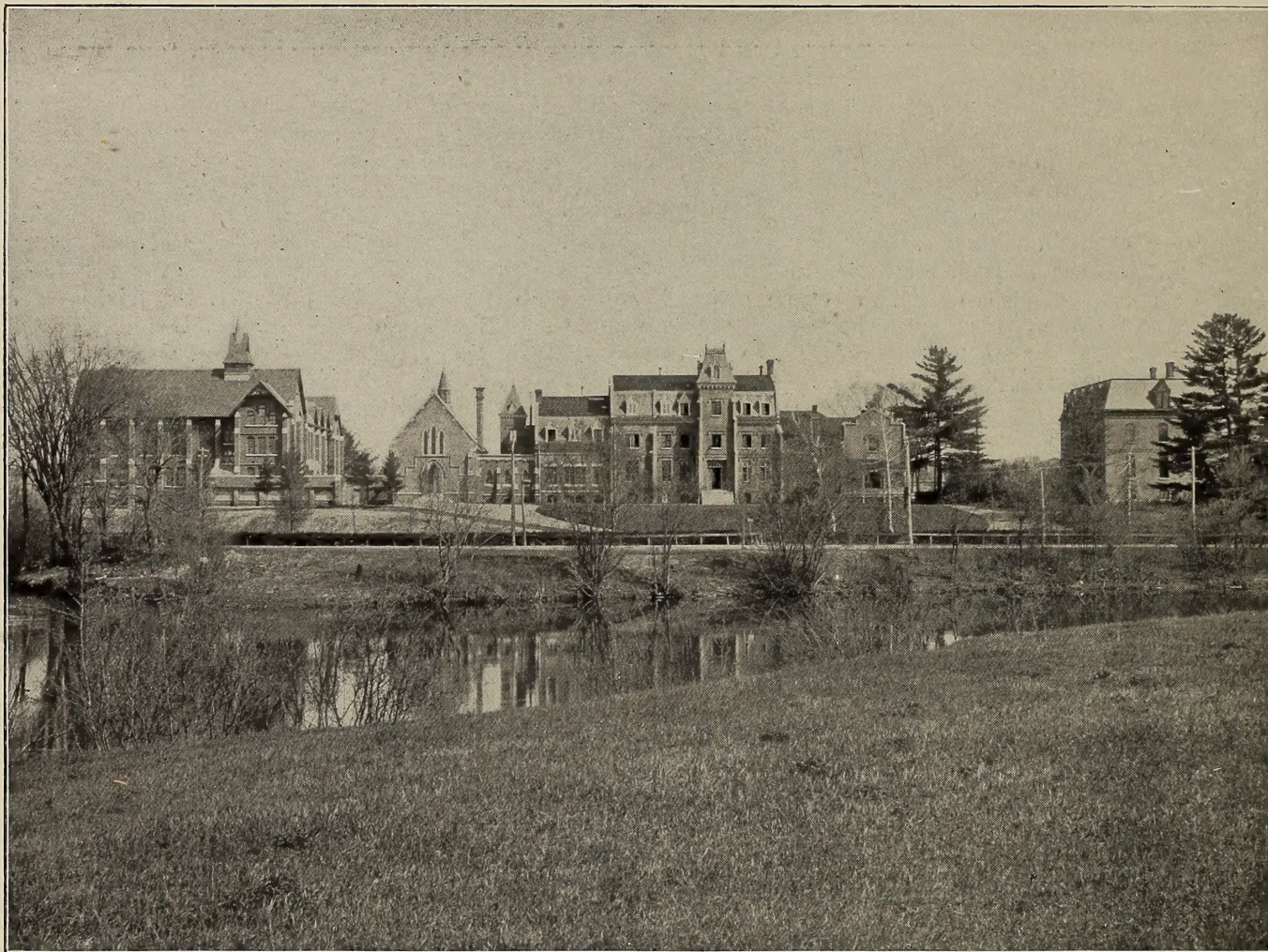
One of the most picturesque bits of scenery to be found in the Province, however, is located in the very centre of the city, in the Magog River gorge referred to, and efforts are being made to have it permanently preserved for scenic purposes. Access to this on the north bank of the river is obtained by steps at the north end of Wolfe Street bridge, from which the path along the gorge may be followed to the bluff at the junction of High and Bluff Streets, where carriages could again take up the tourist. The wildest part, however, is on the south side of the river, reached from Factory Street, west of the office and private grounds of the British American Land Company. A climb down the ravine brings one to the edge of the tumultuous stream, overhung by rocky cliffs and with no suggestion of the busy life within a stone's throw. In direct contrast to this scene is that from the north end of Commercial Street, a

most charming and peaceful view of the St. Francis winding for miles through its meadows. A painting of this scene has been recently introduced into the decoration of the fine dining-room of the Windsor Hotel, of Montreal.

The rivers mentioned, and the lakes and streams with which this section abounds, together with a naturally cool and humid climate, preserve the vegetation throughout the summer in a most luxuriant condition, and conduce to an equable temperature and absence of dust which greatly increases the pleasure of the many available drives. There are at least thirty of these, affording a great variety of scenery, and for the benefit of the tourist some of these may be mentioned. Most popular is that on the west side of the St. Francis River to Lennoxville, where crossing the picturesque Massawippi by an old-fashioned covered bridge, one passes the interesting buildings and grounds of Bishops College. Near by are the golf grounds, used by enthusiasts of both Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, and most charming and picturesque in their seclusion and surroundings; this drive may be extended in several directions through an interesting country, or return preferably made on the east side of the St. Francis, bordered at one point by fine old willows, and giving elsewhere beautiful views of Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, and the valley. The drive to "Moulton Hill", going out by Council Street, East Sherbrooke, and taking each road thereafter leading to the right will give views rarely excelled. The drive to "Haskell Hill," so called, and home through the meadow of the Massawippi, affords a charming diversity of scenery. The Belvedere drive commanding a magnificent view of Orford Mountain, returning along the south bank of the Magog is equally interesting. The drives north, one each side of the St. Francis,—that to the highest point just beyond the limits of East Sherbrooke and home through Victoria Park; and the "Beckett Road"—are a few of the most interesting, and indicate the wealth of scenery available to the tourist. Detail directions for many of these can be obtained at the rooms of the Library and Art Union, where will be found a fine Reading Room, an Art Gallery, and Public Library.

Twelve miles north of Sherbrooke, and accessible by convenient trains, or by two very interesting drives, lies Massawippi Lake, a beautiful sheet of water ten miles long, lying in an emerald bowl of sloping green fields and wooded hills, and already a popular summer resort for Americans. Eight miles west of the city is "Little Magog" Lake, and nine miles further on lies Memphremagog Lake, thirty miles long, equally accessible, and traversed daily by a good passenger steamer. Mount Orford grandly dominates the lower end of this lake, from whose summit a hundred miles of intervening country carry the eye to distant Mount Royal. On the west side, Owl's Head and Mount Elephantis rise directly from its waters, affording the finest scenery, fully equal to that of Lake George. If one desires to get still nearer to nature's heart, Brompton Lake, and its tributary chain of lakes, is reached by a country road sixteen miles to the north west, and here in the virgin forest one may camp and fish or hunt to the heart's content. Other lakes conveniently accessible are,—Lake Aylmer, reached by the Quebec Central Railway; Breeches Lake, Duck Lake, Lake St. Francis (thirty miles long) and other smaller sheets of water, abounding in trout, and offering scenery of special interest and beauty.

Only time and intimate companionship will usually serve for the truest appreciation of any person or locality, and this will be found equally true of Sherbrooke and its surroundings.



BISHOPS COLLEGE AND SCHOOL, LENNOXVILLE



VIEW OF THE RIVER ST. FRANCIS, looking North.

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MAGOG RIVER FALLS, under Wolfe Street Bridge.



COMMERCIAL STREET, looking North.



RIVER SIDE, GARDEN OF F. J. CAMPBELL, Factory Street.



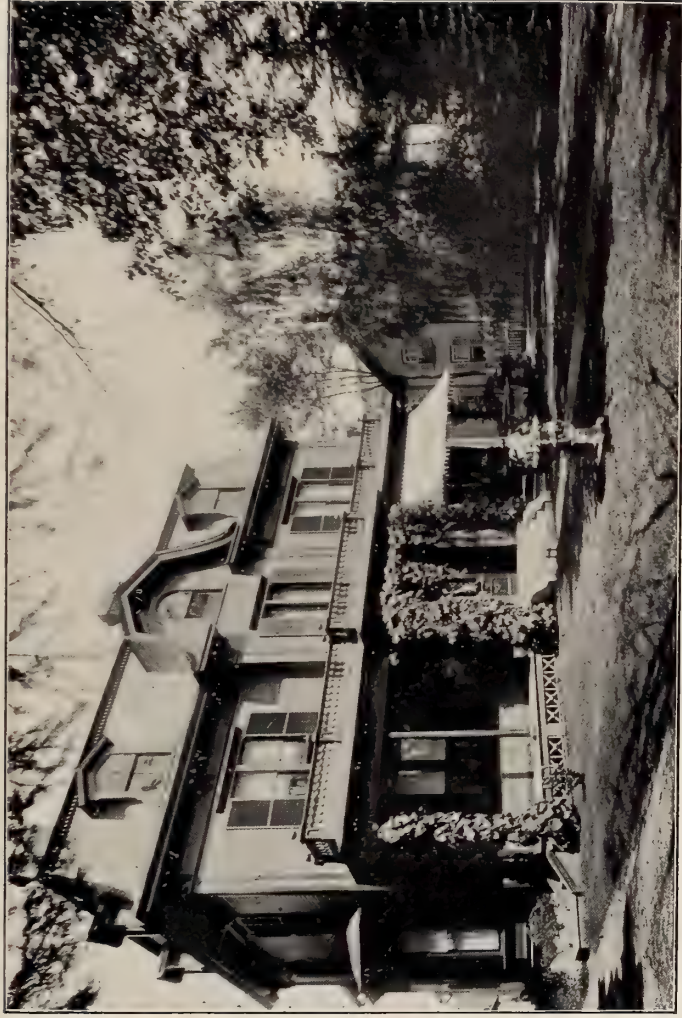
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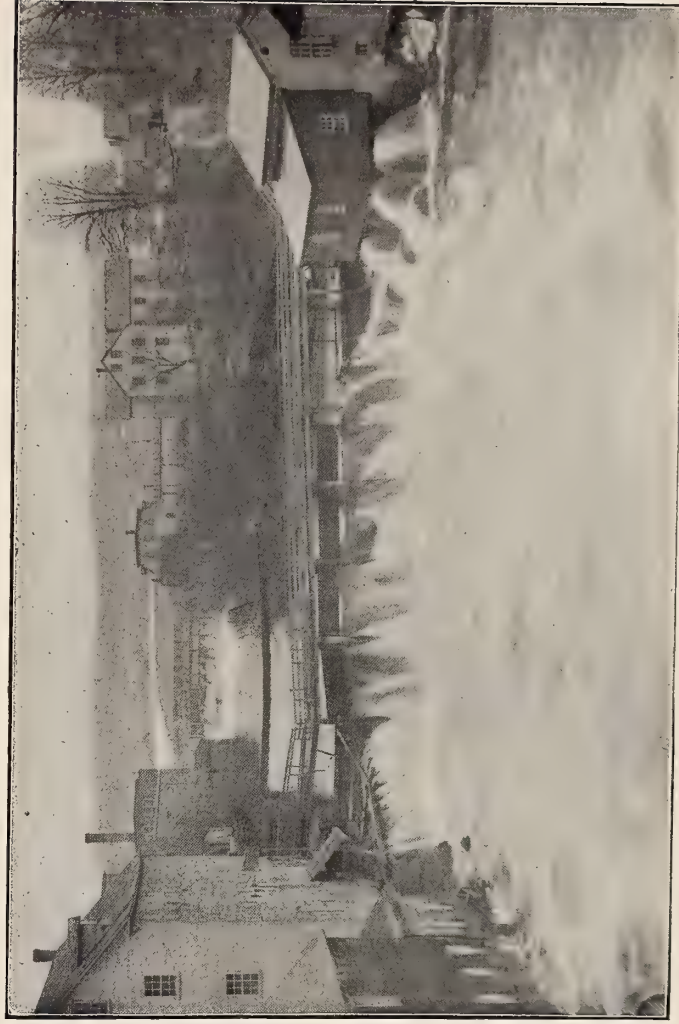
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DAM ON MAGOG RIVER.



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MAGOG RIVER, from Wolfe Street Bridge.



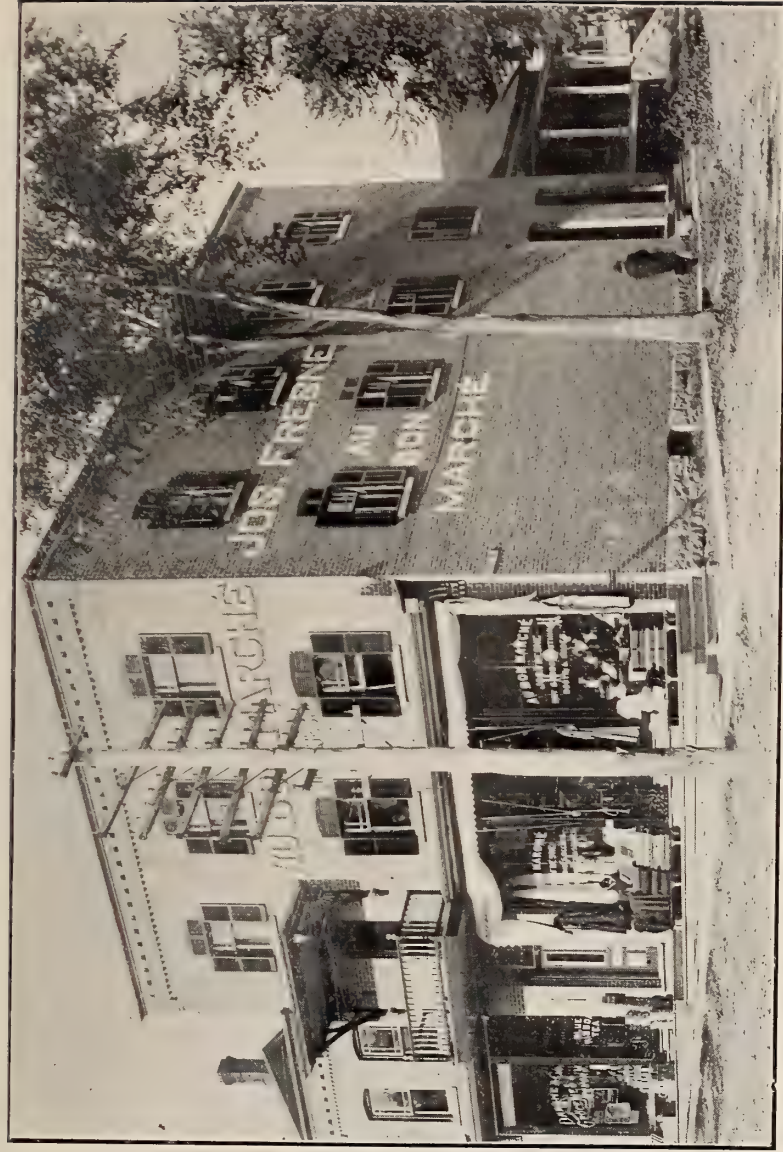
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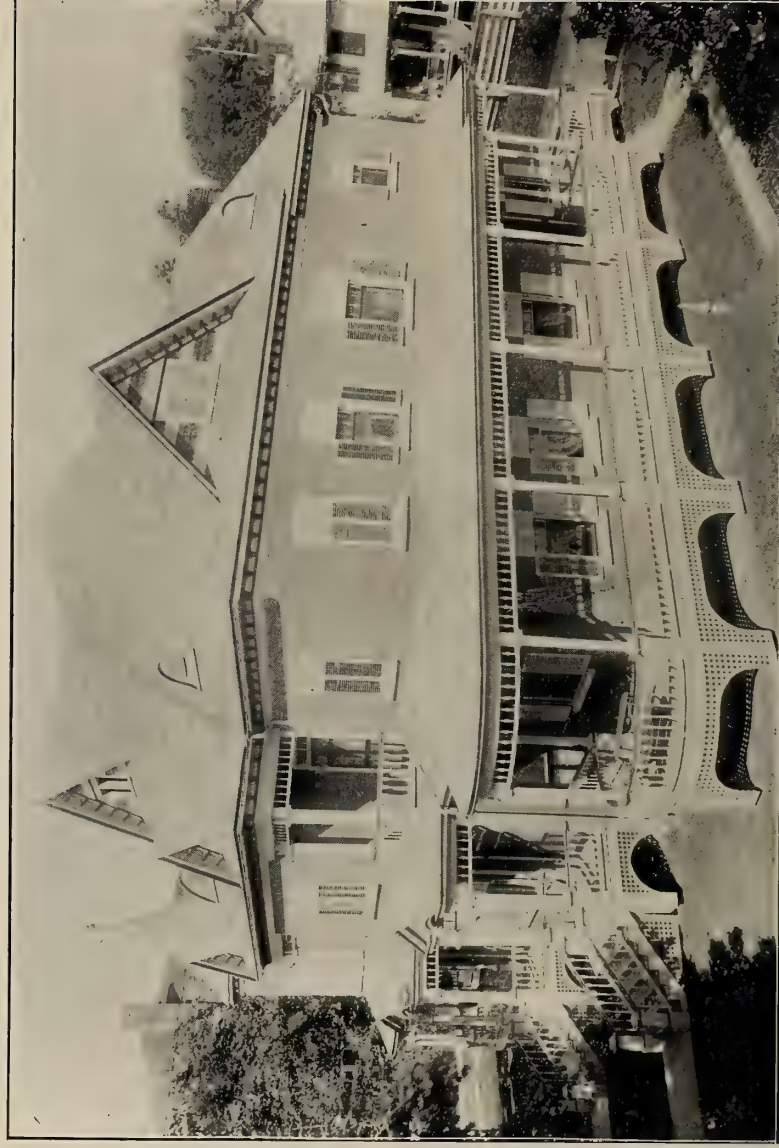
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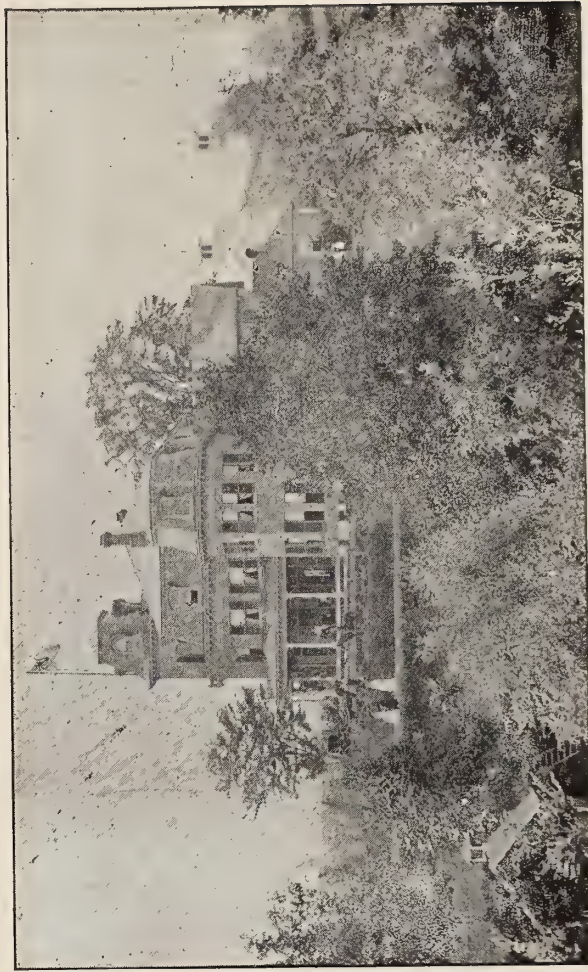
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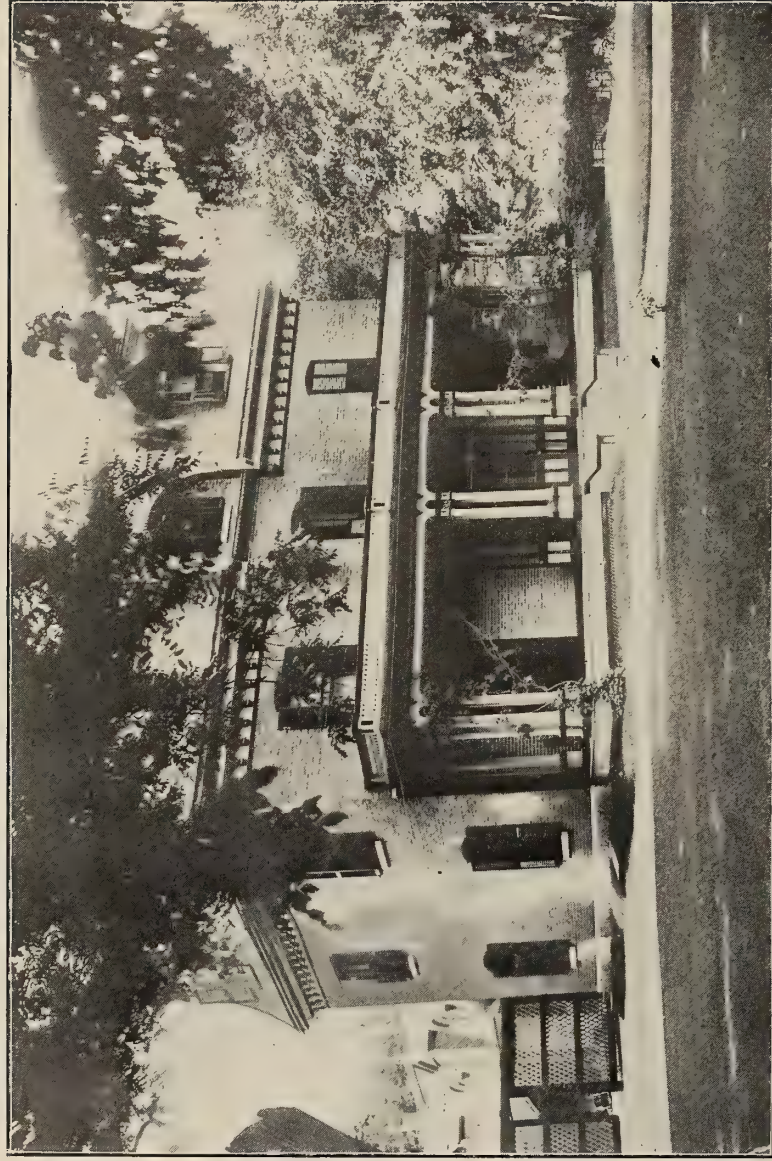
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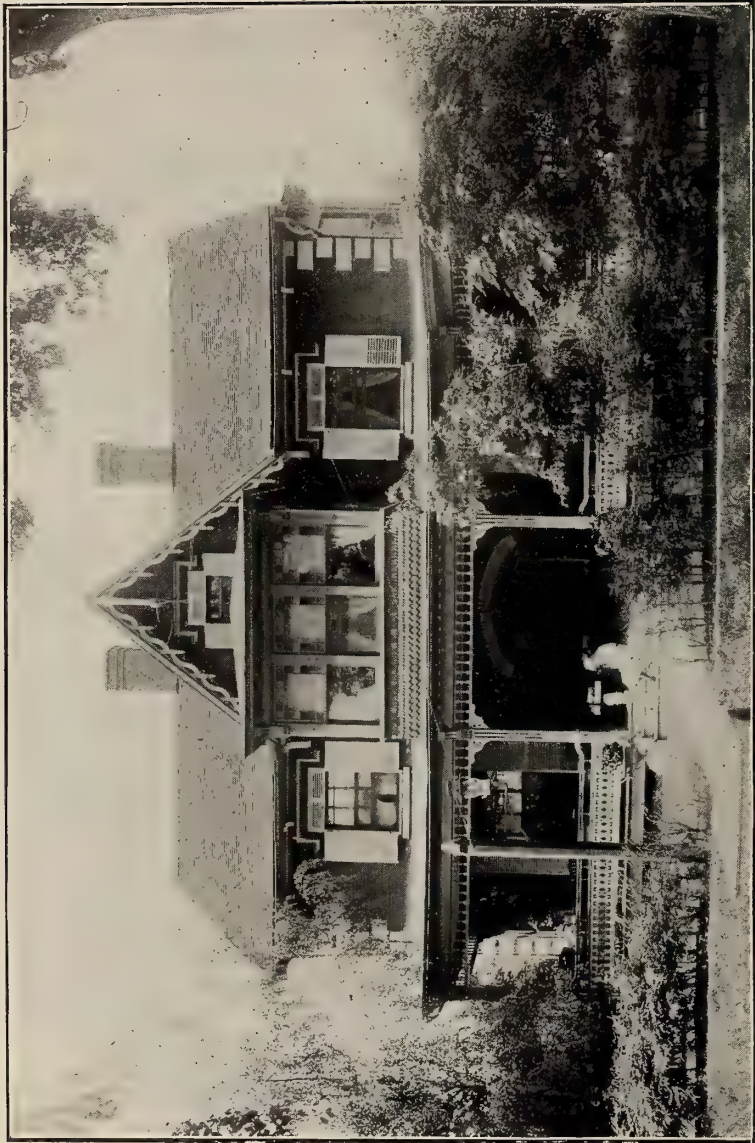
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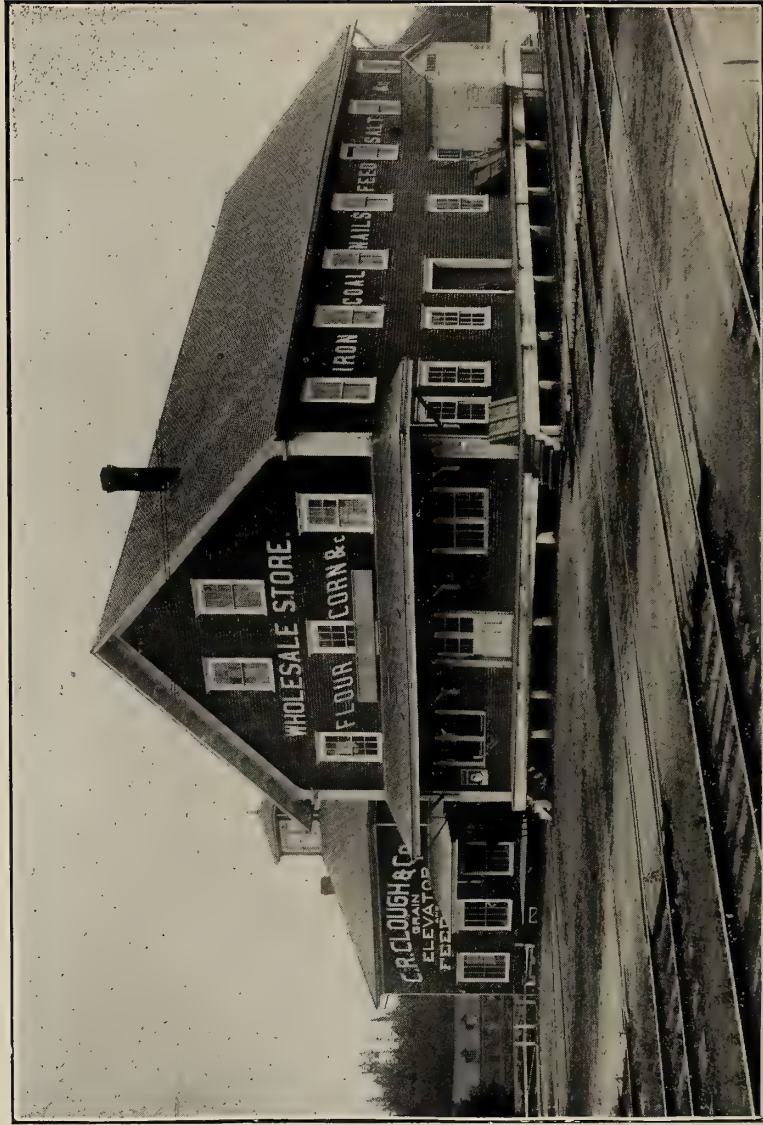
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MAGOG HOUSE



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WINTER SCENE ON MAGOG RIVER



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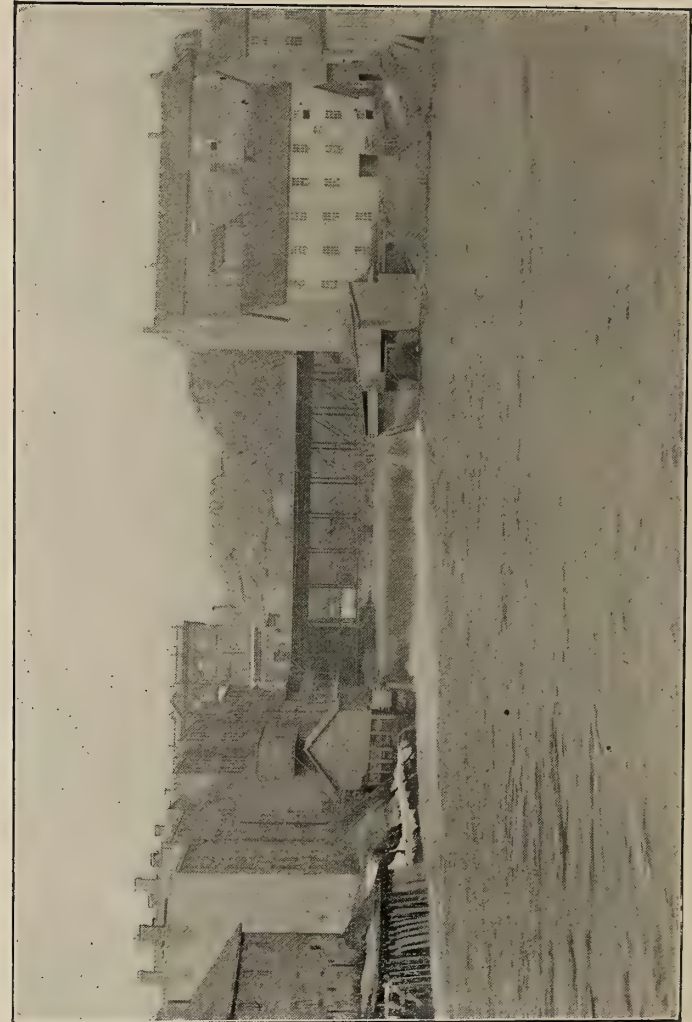
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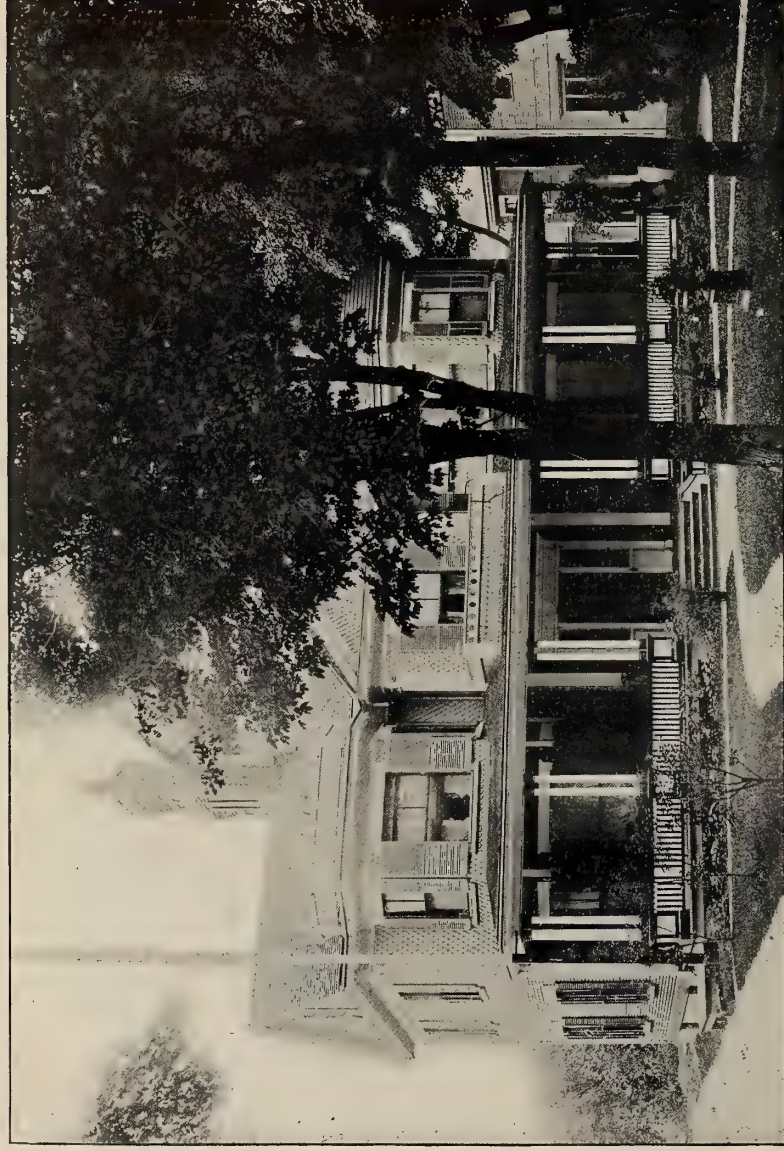
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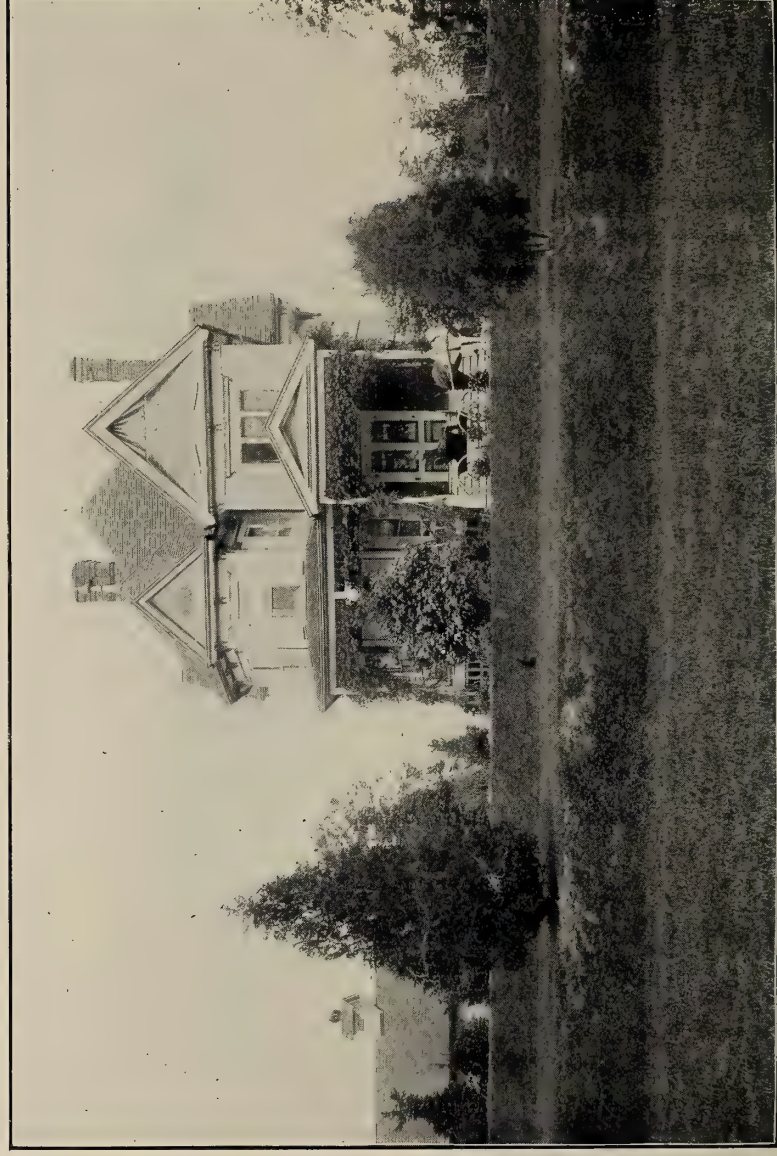
DAM AT OUTLET OF MAGOG RIVER



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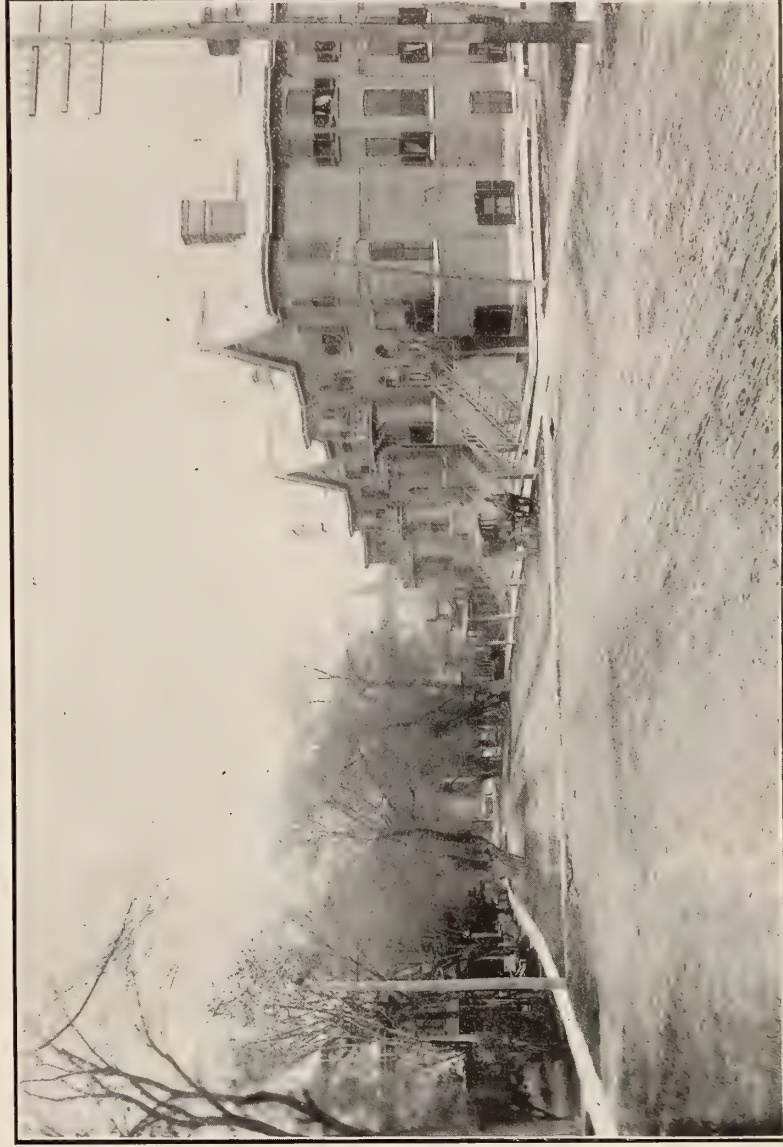
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MONTREAL STREET



COMMERCIAL STREET—East End

